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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

LANGFORD HOUSE,
BANGALORE.

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My dear Mr. Kantaraj Urs,

With reference to your letter of the 26th October last, requesting me to discuss certain important questions with the Hon'ble the Resident, I write to inform you that, as desired, I met Mr.Barton by appointment on the 26th October in the evening and also on the 27th in the morning and had two days discussions with him on the subjects referred to. I enclose for your information the notes of discussion.

(1). SURPLUS REVENUE OF THE ASSIGNED TRACT.

Mr.Barton stated that it would be impossible for him to put off altogether the schemes of improvement determined upon for the Assigned Tract but when I met him with the argument that the schemes are not yet matured or estimated for and that it would be economical if such schemes are investigated in consultation with the Durbar, Mr.Barton gave me a few particulars from which I gathered that the following schemes are in contemplation:-

(a) Town Extensions; (b) Drainage; (c) Market;
(d) Education - First Grade College and Panchama education.

In regard to each of these schemes, I more or less convinced Mr. Barton that on general grounds, His Highness' Government were not in favour of any very large developments in the Assigned Tract to make the area an attractive settlement for the poorer Anglo-Indian and ~~Euxx~~ Eurasian communities from other parts of India. Any schemes that may be necessary to improve the existing ~~xxkkxxxx~~ settlement and the Cantonment would not be considered as open to objection but even in regard to these, it would be found that joint action is preferable.

As regards town-planning, the scheme should be self-supporting. Money may be advanced to the Municipal Commission to acquire sites and re-allot them, as we have every reason to suppose based on our

experience in the City, that most of the expenditure if not all, could be recouped by selling the sites after extensions are laid out on sanitary plans.

As regards drainage, I pointed out that we have already got a scheme costing about 18 lakhs under consideration and Mr.Barton gave me the information that they had a scheme in view likely to cost about 10 lakhs. I urged that instead of having two independent schemes it might be economical to have one joint scheme and that this aspect of the question was fit to be investigated into by an expert. I suggested that the Resident may move in the matter of obtaining an expert from outside who will go through both the schemes and make a report both to the Durbar as well as to him as to how far the schemes may be revised to save expenditure. The Resident seemed to agree with this view.

Market. - This, I pointed out, was a small matter and comes within the purview of the ordinary Municipal administration and I pointed out that there was no reason why it should be debited to the surplus revenues,

First grade college. - There was much discussion on this subject and I said that taking things as they are, the Mysore Durbar could not object to the establishment of a 1st grade college in the Assigned area for the benefit of those who want to go to the Madras University. But there should be a limitation fixed so that it may not one day, be developed into such a big scheme as for instance, a separate University for the Ceded districts. Further, if the place is made more attractive for the Anglo-Indian population with a college equipped at enormous expense, there is no knowing that it may be instrumental in drawing a very large population to the Assigned Tract necessitating the provision of additional facilities for water, lighting, town extensions, etc., in the near future. Any modest scheme for a 1st grade college should not cost much and in case the Mysore University is centered in Mysore, there should be no possible objection to the college being established in the Assigned Tract area. At all events, I urged that any scheme for a first grade college should be framed with due regard to the actual necessities of the present and not to any future

expansion of the C & M Station and the necessity arising therefrom for larger educational demands.

In the end I urged that, even after all that Mr.Barton had to say in regard to these development schemes, the arguments that had been set forth by me in the Memorandum that I left at Simla, hold good. I also told Mr.Barton that Sir John Wood had intimated to me that he (Mr.Barton) had agreed to pay six lakhs out of the accrued surpluses of past years and I said that it would be totally inadequate and that we want the whole of the 20 lakhs that had been withheld. Mr.Barton said that it ~~would~~ may not be possible and that on his return to Bangalore, he would carefully look into the whole question and send up his recommendations to the Government of India.

(2). AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MYSORE AND MADRAS GOVERNMENTS IN THE MATTER OF THE ROYALTY PAYABLE BY MYSORE TO MADRAS FOR THE POWER GENERATED AT SIVASAMUDRAM.

In regard to this question, Mr.Barton pointed out that he had a talk with Lord Willingdon and Mr.Davidson at Ooty and ascertained from them that Madras was not willing to modify the terms of the agreement. I replied that we have appealed to the Government of India and it is for the Government of India to pass final orders and that we had nothing further to urge at this stage. I have already stated, I think, in my Simla report that the Government of India officers view our ~~request~~ case with sympathy.

(3). BHATKAL HARBOUR SCHEME.

Mr.Barton again discussed the question of jurisdiction and customs with me and as there was nothing new begond what has been already recorded in the notes of discussion at Simla, I simply told Mr.Barton that we were going to address him on the subject and expressed the hope that he would support the case of jurisdiction strongly.

(4). INDIAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE.

Mr.Barton gave out that he had given our representation to the Patron to Dr.Bourne to read and that Dr.Bourne was very much cut up

about it. I said that this was intended for the Patron and not for the authorities of the Institute of Science. However, I said that I did not suppose that Dr.Bourne intended to enter into any controversy with the Durbar in regard to the criticisms made. Mr.Barton is now thoroughly convinced that a comittee of enquiry is necessary as suggested by us but said that some of our remarks against the Chemists were rather severe and also that our estimate of the land given for the Institute was exaggerated.

(5). KANNAMBADY ARBITRATION.

In regard to this matter, I requested Mr.Barton when he went to Madras to see if he could not expedite the final disposal of the case. Mr.Barton agreed to do so.

(6). CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO GANDABHERUNDA DECORATIONS.

Mr.Barton produced the last letter that we have written and said that one or two points were not clear. I asked him what the doubt in the matter was. He expressed the opinion that the decorations were in fact orders. I said that there were a great many points of difference and the decorations were based on the immemorial custom pursued in Mysore and they may take several forms such as necklaces, medals, bracelets or mere certificates, etc. The first class decorations were called Gandabherunda order and the others may be ~~xixxxx~~ khillats either with or without medals. After I had explained the details to Mr.Barton, he seemed satisfied and said no further action was necessary.

(7) SUBSIDY.

In regard to the Subsidy, I asked Mr.Barton what the recommendation of the Resident was. But as he seemed disinclined to give me the information, I took Mr.Barton into confidence and said that we have heard informally from London that the Government of India did not support our case. Mr.Barton seemed to be inclined to the view that the question of the Subsidy may be considered with the question of the C & M Surplus revenues and was of opinion that as the Surplus revenues have been in the past a frequent bone of contention and controversy ~~and~~ some satisfactory settlement should be

arrived at as a final and permanent arrangement. He was in favour of such a settlement and would like to discuss the matter further. I said that till we knew what the nature of the settlement was, it was difficult to give any ~~information~~ opinion. Mr.Barton said that the Government of India attitude was not consistent; but I pointed out that whatever they may have said at different times, their orders which we took as final were clear and definite. If it is now intended to go back on these orders and deny His Highness' Government the surplus as defined in these orders, we certainly have a just ground for complaint that ~~it~~ this amounts of to breaking a pledge. Mr. Barton said that if the surplus could be wiped out and the Subsidy reduced by 10½ lakhs, perhaps it would be a satisfactory settlement, for, in that case, the guaranteed payment of 10½ lakhs under existing conditions would be ensured and at the same time no controversy in regard to the surplus would arise hereafter. I said that in regard to this matter, I could not give any opinion on behalf of the Durbar and they must await the orders of the Secretary of State on the Subsidy question.

Mr.Barton then brought to my notice, the following three points:

(1) A reference to the Durbar applying for the loan of the services of a few men to train remounts for Mesopotamia. He said the matter was urgent and the reply may be expedited. I said that I would mention the case to the Dewan.

(2). Application for 350 acres of land for the Aerodrome. To this also I replied that I had not seen the papers but I believe the matter was under investigation in the Revenue Department as to cost, etc., and asked if the Military authorities are going to pay for the cost. Mr.Barton said that it was not intended to enforce the Treaty in this case and perhaps it was reasonable that the cost should be paid by the Military authorities. I wanted to know if the land was for permanent occupation with jurisdiction or only so long as the air force was located in Bangalore.Mr.Barton said jurisdiction was essential but it could be stipulated that the land will be restored when the air force no longer wanted it.

(3). Recent reply of the Dewan in regard to the Khilaphate agitation in the Cantonment carried on by the people residing in the city. In regard to this, Mr.Barton expressed some

disappointment that no action was proposed to be taken by us. I pointed out that we have our own troubles and so far as the troubles in the Cantonment are concerned, it is undesirable that His Highness' Government should be dragged into the matter, as this may lead to awkward situations. If any of our people commit any offence or transgress the law in the Cantonment, the Resident can take any action he pleases. But for us to give any warning in regard to acts committed outside Mysore jurisdiction, may lead to difficulties. The Resident, after some argument, acquiesced in this view and accepted my suggestion that it is better to watch for a couple of months more to see whether the agitation settles down or whether it increases.

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